



**Delaware Bicycle Council  
August 14, 2007  
DelDOT Administration Building  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present**

Fred Breukelman, Dept. of Public Health Representative  
Walt Bryan, Sussex County Representative  
Tom Felice, DelDOT Representative  
Sgt. George Heberling, DE State Police Representative  
Judith Jeffers, At-Large Representative  
Laura Madara, DNREC Representative  
Doug Mills, Chair & New Castle County Representative  
Susan Moerschel, DNREC State Parks Representative

**DelDOT Support Staff Present**

Anthony Aglio, Bike/Ped Coordinator  
Kari Glanden, Administrative Assistant

**Members Absent**

Don Carbaugh, New Castle County Representative  
Thomas Hartley, Kent County Representative  
Harry Isaacs, Jr., Council on Transportation  
Lisa Moore, Office of Highway Safety  
John Ray, Dept. of Education  
Amy Wilburn, At-Large Representative  
Robert Witsil, At-Large Representative  
Fritz Schranck, Deputy Attorney General, DelDOT

**The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm**

**I. Old Business**

**Checkpoints**

Anthony Aglio stated that the checkpoints were completed on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. There were 11 checkpoints on SR 1, 1 checkpoint on Rt. 26. This year local businesses were asked to sponsor a checkpoint. Only 2 sponsors defaulted on their commitment. Sussex Cyclists participated in staffing every checkpoint. There were a few times that they had too many people for the checkpoint so people were standing around. BB Medical center has stated that the count for international student accidents is down from last year. There have been 2 fatal accidents and they were not foreign students.

Doug Mills asked how many students have been stopped. Anthony replied we have 200 +/- surveys filled out & have handed out 800+ lights at the church events. This is the second year we have been working with the local churches. Being out on the road also helps the motorists be aware that they need to be more alert for the cyclists.

Walt Bryan stated that Rt. 24 is as busy as Rt. 1 and he sees the red lights on the rear of the bicycles. While taking a bicycle to Pot Nets there were girls riding from Rehoboth to Long Neck and at night.

Doug Mills asked about how we can enforce them to stop? Sgt. Heberling states that with the new electronic system there is a better way to track what is ticketed. Most often officers give the riders a verbal warning only and there isn't a way to track those.

Anthony Aglio stated that he found that the City of Rehoboth was the major ticket giver to students violating the bicycle safety laws. He noticed the State Police pulled people over on the multiuse lanes. Only some of the violators were given tickets.

**Newsletter**

Doug Mills asked for comments, ideas, pictures, and upcoming events to be submitted for the newsletter. He would like to push the online version of the newsletter. Doug also stated that he relies on content materials to come from the Council members on a regular basis not just once and a while so keep the ideas coming.

Susan Moerschel stated that the newsletter is produced twice a year but going to the online version is it available at any time. She suggested adding links to the newsletter of informative sites so that information can be shared with all. She would like to have DNREC's site added to ours.

Doug Mills will let her know when we are ready to do that.

Anthony Aglio said that Susan was cc'd with the bike council addresses so she should already have them to add to her site.

### **Commuter Ride Recognition**

Doug Mills would like to have a program for people who ride to work. Give them incentives to bike to work. Have a gift for the participants at the end of the year. Would like to come up with some criteria to have this plan implemented.

### **Maps**

Anthony Aglio has met with the consultants, and they are collecting the data, road width, volume, shoulder locations, speed of traffic, where it meets, current bicycle facilities, the type of challenge it provides and a way to color the routes. Most of the data has been collected from New Castle County. The consultant is finding that when roads are being repaired DOT is making gaps in the bicycle routes. A draft will be available and we are trying to get the consultant to be in attendance at the next meeting.

Doug Mills asked if citizens and clubs would be asked to attend?

Anthony Aglio stated that trails could be a separate color.

Susan Moershel asked if they would be shown on a legend with colored lines?

Fred Breukelman suggested a list on the back of the map of parks and trails.

Anthony Aglio conveyed that the maps of all three counties would be done at the same time. Kent & Sussex counties will be done separately. April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 is the projected on the street date for the maps. The funding for the map project is also available.

### **Calendar**

Doug Mills would like DBC's presence at most events if possible. Would like DBC's presence at the Wilmington event.

Judy Jeffers stated that she would put together the packets for the Wilmington on the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. She also stated there was going to be a bike parade. Groups will win money for people that sign up. She would like to see the Council participate.

Anthony Aglio stated that he would like to have DBC t-shirts made up for when we participate in these events.

## **II. Old Business**

Walt Bryan stated the Cape Gazette, Beebe Medical Center and the Lewis Rotary Club are putting together a trail guide. Step up for fitness is looking for a fundraiser. They sold ads a few years ago, now they are looking to put out a trails book as their

fundraiser. The first issue will have trails and will focus on walking. He has been asked to get involved with the YMCA coordinating with a dietitian and a trainer. There will be a two-week program that will be for 2 or 3 times a week, they will exercise for 2 or 3 hours. He would like to follow a program from the cardiac unit at Beebe hospital. He would like to see the Henlopen junction added to this. Also, maybe this could be added to the Governor's Challenge. The participants would be given a t-shirt as recognition. This program is starting now. This program also has a 90% success rate.

Doug Mills asked if anyone had any ideas and what Walt was asking for from the Council.

Walt Bryan asked that this program be added to the newsletter to help promote the program.

Doug Mills stated that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Doug Mills stated that he would be drafting a meeting to the fatality victim's family on behalf of the Council.

Doug Mills also stated that Ellen Reed told him about an event idea, Bicycle events at night; have on roads that are closed particularly for the bicycling event evenings. They could also be seen as a family night out.

Doug Mills asked if there were any plans to expand Weldin Road and adding a Bicycle lane?

Anthony Aglio said he didn't know of any current plans only for plans on Shipley Road.

Anthony Aglio stated that for the Wheelman even in 2008 we would be providing maps for that event.

Anthony Aglio also stated that Issac Branch Ribbon cutting would be October 10th, 2007 at 10:00a.m. near the Route 10 area. Louise Thurnbolt has sent an e-mail about this. The trail runs behind the DelDOT, Roma restaurant to Route 10 south to Microtel.

Anthony informed the council that the next meeting would be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Smyrna Rest Area. There will be a bike ride so bring your bicycles and helmets.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.**